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## **BOARD APPROVES REGULATION, SELECTS OFFICERS**

(FRANKFORT, Ky.) – At its retreat on Wednesday and regular meeting Thursday, the Kentucky Board of Education heard updates and made decisions on a variety of items.

The board's Nominating Committee recommended that David Karem and Roger Marcum serve as chair and vice-chair, respectively, for the next 12 months. The full board agreed with that recommendation.

The board recognized the late State Representative Dewayne Bunch for his contributions to Kentucky's educational system. The board also recognized current State Representative Derrick Graham, who recently retired from his teaching position.

The board approved 704 KAR 7:160, a new state regulation related to restraint and seclusion, after agreeing to revise the regulation to re-insert language related to the prohibition against physical restraint of students if that is not recommended by medical professionals.

The board also discussed Education Commissioner Terry Holliday's evaluation and praised the commissioner for his leadership, work ethic and vision.

The board took several actions during the meeting:

- approved the Articles of Incorporation for the Fund for Transforming Education in Kentucky
- agreed to accept 2012-13 preschool funding rates
- appointed Jennifer Fowler, an 8th-grade English/language arts teacher at Paintsville High (Paintsville Ind.), and LeRonda Morton, an English/language arts teacher at Bryan Station High (Fayette Co.) to the Kentucky Writing Advisory Committee
- approved 704 KAR 3:305, the regulation related to high school graduation requirements
- approved district facilities plans for the LaRue County, Russell County and Elizabethtown Independent school districts
- approved a district facility plan amendment for the Danville Independent school system
- agreed to develop correspondence to the board's at-large appointees to the Kentucky High School Athletics Association (KHSAA) Board of Control, reminding them of the necessity of attending that board's meetings

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- agreed to consider only documentation related to a nonresident contract request by the Corbin Independent Board of Education at the October meeting

The board heard updates on several items:

- next-generation science, social studies and career/technical education standards
- state regulation 704 KAR 7:151, which would repeal the Secondary GED Program
- state regulation 704 KAR 19:002, which is related to alternative education programs
- state regulation 701 KAR 5:140, which is related to Districts of Innovation
- the 2012-2014 biennial budget
- the Energy in Education Collaborative initiative
- use of local monies to reduce school districts' unmet technology need

The Kentucky Board of Education will hold a study session and its next regular meeting on Oct. 8 and 9 in Frankfort. For more information about the board, visit

<http://www.education.ky.gov/KDE/Administrative+Resources/Kentucky+Board+of+Education/> or click on the Kentucky Board of Education link on the Kentucky Department of Education's [homepage](#).

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